

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 455 (Goldberg) without my signature.

While I appreciate the author's intent to address the needs of at-risk students, this bill does not effectively meet that objective. In fact, by imposing additional prescriptive requirements on districts that choose to offer comprehensive counseling programs, this bill could have the unintended effect of discouraging districts from offering such programs.

Therefore, since nothing in current law prohibits school districts from including an academic plan for at-risk pupils in their educational counseling programs, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger